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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, ILAB, JA  
SUBJECT: SASAKI VISIT TO U.S.

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1. DURING CALL ON AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD JUNE 16, DSP  
CHAIRMAN RYOSAKU SASAKI SAID THAT DUE TO COMPLICATIONS  
IN SCHEDULE FOR EUROPEAN LEG OF HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP,  
LOWER HOUSE MEMBER RO WATANABE WOULD BE UNABLE TO JOIN  
DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED. AFTER  
COMPLETING PREPARATIONS FOR EUROPEAN TRIP, WATANABE WILL  
TRAVEL DIRECTLY TO EUROPE AND MEET DELEGATION THERE.

2. DURING CALL ON AMBASSADOR, SASAKI REEMPHASIZED THAT  
HE HOPED TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO CALL ON AFL-CIO PRESIDENT  
MEANY DURING SASAKI'S JUNE 19-22 WASHINGTON VISIT.  
SASAKI SAID PRIMARY TOPIC HE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH  
PRESIDENT MEANY WAS U.S.-JAPAN ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP AND  
ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR WORKERS IN BOTH COUNTRIES. HE ALSO  
HOPED TO DISCUSS WAYS IN WHICH LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN  
BOTH COUNTRIES COULD WORK TO REDUCE FRICTIONS IN U.S.-  
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JAPAN RELATIONS. SASAKI RECALLED THAT DURING LUNCHEON  
HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD LAST FEBRUARY, HE (SASAKI)  
HAD EXPRESSED HIS DESIRE TO SEE EXCHANGES OF LABOR UNION  
OFFICIALS FURTHER EXPANDED, INDICATING THAT HE MAY RAISE  
THIS ISSUE WITH PRESIDENT MEANY AS WELL.

3. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION JUNE 16, DELEGATION MEMBER

KEIGO OUCHI TOLD EMBOFF THAT IN ADDITION TO ABOVE TOPICS, SASAKI PLANNED TO INQUIRE ABOUT AFL-CIO POSITION ON AID TO DEVELOPING NATIONS, INCLUDING TARIFF PREFERENCES FOR INDUSTRIAL GOODS FROM THOSE COUNTRIES. HE SAID SASAKI WOULD ALSO PROPOSE THAT AFL-CIO HOLD YEARLY MEETING WITH DSP LEADERS ON VARIOUS ISSUES.

4. SASAKI, FORMER OFFICIAL OF ELECTRIC POWER WORKERS UNION, CAME OUT OF LABOR MOVEMENT AND HAS CLOSE TIES TO DSP'S PRINCIPAL SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION, DOMEI. DSP TAKES FEW POLITICAL POSITIONS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE WITHOUT CAREFUL CONSULTATION WITH DOMEI LEADERS, MANY OF WHOM WEAR SECOND HAT AS DSP OFFICIALS (ONE OF MEMBERS OF THIS DELEGATION, UPPER HOUSE MEMBER KURIBAYASHI, SERVES CONCURRENTLY AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF JAPAN AUTO WORKERS FEDERATION, JIDOSHA ROREN). NEARLY ONE-THIRD OF ALL DSP DIETMEN ARE EX-UNION OFFICIALS.

5. REQUEST DEPARTMENT INFORM AFL-CIO INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF CONTENTS OF PARAS 2, 3, AND 4 ABOVE. MANSFIELD

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